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LESDIA: OR THE DRUNKEN HUSBAND. BY THE MILPORD BARD.

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Their mouths to steal away their brains.

The fortunes of women, says a celebrated writer, are very precarious; and it is true. Many a lovely woman, happy in her father's house, and blessed with every thing that wealth could purchase, or affection bestow, has looked forward to the future day of courtship and marriage with delight, and promised herself years of Impriness unshadowed by hour of Ruland's appearance. The silver crescent been always a second helpel year of supplies and the last year of the last ye a cloud. But alas ' in how many instances are those brilliant prospects blasted, and the grave, how How many a thoughtless girl has plunged into mat- | who will feed and caress thee when I am gone, studied is their pretended virtue, and so cunning good or bad, happy or miserable. are their devices.

Alexander Vernon was a rich merchant of New York, who had acquired wealth by the importation of French goods, and had retired in his old age to enjoy the fruits of his industry. He had but one child, a daughter, beautiful, genule, and generous, and the idol of her aged father and mother. Expense had not been spared in her education, and she had received every accomplishment that is taught in female seminaries in America. She was of small stature, but faultless in her form, her complexion fair and florid, the blood mantling like a beetic on her cheek, and her large dark eyes sparkling like diamonds. The pulses of many hearts were quickened when gazing upon her angelie face, or pressing her small white hand. She possessed, as the floridity of her temperament would indicate, a lively disposition, and she had often been heard to express the happiness she enjoyed in her father's house. As would readily be supposed, she had many admirers, and smong some of the most talented and wealthy, and handsome young men in New York. It is hard to account for the unexpected choices which many ladies make from the number of their lovers, and it was thus with Miss Vernon. She fixed her heart upon Lieutenant Roland, an officer in the Navy, a handsome and polished young man, but one whose character was at variance with his noble appearance. He had killed his man in a duel, and was said to indulge occasionally in gaming. His general character was that of a wild young He was also poor, and paid his devotion to Miss Vernon, for the double object of obtaining a lovely woman, and an independent fortune. In ber presence, and in that of her parents, he was a rigid moralist, ever descanting on the evil propensities of human nature, and the horrors arising from the indulgence of bad passions. The aged crates or Seneca, and encouraged by their kindness his attentions to their daughter. Miss Vernon was of a singular disposition, and often expressed her desire to reform a rake. She seemed a little disappointed in the thought that she would not have an opportunity to do so, if she gave her hand to Roland.

It was one evening in May that Roland knocked at the door, and was ushered into a splendid parlor, the floor of which was covered with the richest Turkey carpet, and the walls painted in the most levely landscapes. Miss Vernon was recliming on a sumptuous otteman, her hair falling luxuriantly round a neck, white as slabaster, and smooth as marble. For a moment Roland imagined himself in a comantic woodland, so complete had the painter sketched the perspective, and that the charming Miss Vernon was the guddess of the scene. The moon shone through the window in illusion perfect.

Roland advanced, too her small hand, and falling upon one knee, poured into her bosom the warm protestations of his own.

"It is in vain," he cried, after a pause of impasyou are bound up the brightest hopes of my life, you are the charm of my existence, and without you the world is a wilderness and life a blank .-Oh, yes, in my affection for you I have embarked all my hopes of happiness, and if I am wrecked I | ted against it, but his invariable reply wasam lost forever. My beautiful Leebis, if you are blessing.

Lesbis listened to him with her eyes fixed upon when she was looking forward to brighter bliss, a cloud darkened the horizon, and a storm threatened to wreck the barque freighted with her hopes of happiness. The parents of Leabia had learned the true character of Roland, and determined on snatching their only child from the arms of a wild young libertine. Miss Vernon admired his spirit of wild is, they admire the wild and romantic, rather than the sober and sedate. The reason is obvious to every one who will spend a moment in reflection .--Thus the lovely Lesbis adored Ruland and prided berself on the opportunity to reform a rake. Alas! what a fatal mistake has it been to many a lovely woman. The parents of Leshia remonstrated with

weeping Leakin, lovelier in her tears, was confined ; idol. blissful year.

passed away, she mused upon the step she was of two exils, but when itself on the Lord, she discover the language of farewell.

of the moon was sinking in the west. The favor in thousand deliver. A first before day, he was he often has it closed over the young and lovely !- ly had she breathed the words-"My poor Charley, rimony without duly considering the step she was when the poor bird drooped its head, and fell dead about to make, and without having bestowed a on the table. A tear was still lingering on her they must have been who his sked me fown, and thought upon, or made any inquiries concerning cheek, when the well known vaice of Roland pier- robbed me in the street hist might," the character of the man, to whom perhaps she was red her ear. The sad omen before her almost about to offer herself a sictim. Much horror is changed her resolution, for she was a little superexpressed concerning the saftee of Hindostan, or stitions; and who of us are not? Roland ascended the costom of borning the widow alive upon the the ladder, and entered the room, where he no soonfuneral pile of her dead husband; but alas, how er found that she was wavering than he fell upon many wives die broken-hearted during the lives of his knee, and implored her either to consummate their hasbands! Men of the worst habits are al- her first determination, or put an end to a life that ways shrewd enough to conceal their evil courses, was no longer desirable. His protestations of unwhen addressing a lady, and it requires the most dying devotion were renewed; and he declared that consummate art to detect them at such a time, so it was in her power to make him what she pleased.

Leabis first pitied him, then loved, because she pitted, and then again resolved to fly. It is thus stayed; and that the grace of God might win him that women love had men, for if a woman suffers to virtue. But Leshia before had never thought herself to pity the misfortunes or faibles of a man, of religion; and how could she expect her prayers she identifies her own feelings with his; and ere would be heard, when she had courted in girlhood she is aware of it, her sympathies have ripered into

In a few minutes Lesbia had gathered together her clathes and jewels, and had fled forever from the roof of her fond parents, whose hearts were devoted to her happiness. Lesbia wept when she thought that her parents were wrapped in slumber, unconscious of the act of her disobedience. Ere the sun gilded the lofty spires of New York with his rays, the indissoluble knot was tied, which united them in the holy bonds of wedlock. The morning came; and a servant knocked at the door of Lesbia's chamber, but no voice answered. The door was locked, and alarm pervaded the whole family. They feared to enter, lest they should find her stretched upon the bed of death. The room, her stretched upon the bed of death. owever, was forcibly entered, and to their inca pressible astonishment and mortification they found that the idol of their heartr, and only child, was gone. The weeping mother wrong her hands in agony; and the father enraged, fled from the house in pursuit. At a well known boarding house, he found his lost daughter in the arms of her husband.

"How dare you, villain," exclaimed the angry father, "steal into my house at midnight, and entice from her happy home, the only child of my bosom, the prop and pride of my declining years?"

Reland hung his head, and said not a word, for guilt is neither loquacious nor resentful.

Forgive us, my father," exclaimed Lesbia, falling at his feet, "and never again while remains

"Never !" oried the father with increased rage, the hearts of those who gave you life, and nurtured | your darling child, that lies beside you in the crayou from the cradle, you have fled from your once die, with your likeness stamped upon its innocent happy home, with a man whose habits and propen- countenance, and wholly unconscious of its father's sities will bring you to poverty and suffering, and errors, what is to become of it, if you yield to the him to ruin and disgrace. Mark me, that child can charmed influence of the social glass, and mingle never be happy, who brings her parent's grey hairs with gamblers, in preference to the society of your in sorrow to the grave.

"Oh, keeper than a serpent's tooth it is, To have a thunkless child,"

exclaimed the old man, as he left the house, while the tears trickled down his wrinkled cheeks.

"He will, he must forgive us," cried the levely Leshia, weeping upon the neck of her husband,

"I care not a curse," muttered Roland, in a low tone, unheard by Lesbis, "so I get his fortune,"

Roband though young in years was well acquainted with the world, and had studied human nature, as well from observation as from books ; the end, and just shed light sufficient to render the and he new sedulously watched his conduct, and walked straightly; for he knew it would please him whose purse he was desirous of opening." The old man, who had been closely scanning his conduct for a year or more, fancied that he had been mistaken in Roland's character, and frankly offered sigged eleguence, "I cannot live without you. In to establish him in business. He readily agreed ; he was considered a brave man. But Leshia was wo, and the children's reflow. not so much mistaken, for she knew him to be a

wholesale store in Broadway, in the very house in and controlly; which Lesbin's father had acquired a fortune. It is well in the married connexions, he soon had an extensive his it of greatling, he is not related to a most siness, and bade fair to reap's rich harvest. He ally : for if to does, he will infelling, and because now had a new motive for being fragal, for Leidia as great a gambler as ever. Indeed it is the way had presented him a daughter. But Roland had to make an incorrigible guintler, assurer or drunkadventure, so true is it that young women in gen- attached himself to a curse, which has round many and, because resolution becomes weather at every eral love bad men in preference to good ones. That a noble young man : I mean bad company. He failure. mingled with associates who were ever prating of honor, and yet addicted to the worst of practices. With them he spent many of his evenings, and they flattered him and enticed him to drink, for the purpose of winning his money, which they knew he

It was a cold night in January, and the spirite her, but in vain. They threatened to disinherit mouned mournfully round the turrets of the listy and they resorted to coercive measures. The ed so long the coming of her husband, her heart's | Church, New York.

had plenty of.

Vague fears crossed but minds and memory to her chamber and not enferred to see the object wandered back to the dead bird, which excited in and idol of her heart. Despair arized upon her, her hand, on the night of her elogement. Her fanand like Calypso, she was inconsolable. But op- cy was busy in fashioning that omen, when she portunity offered, and she bribed a servant to con- heard a thundering knock at the street door, which vey a letter to Ruland, to which she soon received rung in repeated eclases through the dark silent an answer, couched in the strongest terms of affect halls. She opened her chamber door, and flew tion. Thus a stratagem was derived to chest her down the steinway, her least pulsating, and her fond and devoted parents, and to leave forever the temples throbbing with an indefinable four. She home of her childhood, and the scene of many a had no sooner spenial the street door, than she beheidsthe object of her beart's first devontest have, It was a charming day, in the latter part of sum- in the arms of two men, his circles tern and araised mer, that Leebia sat near a window in her cham- with blood. A sickness calle over her, and the ber amusing berself with a favorite hird, which had recollection of the dying bird again fleshed upon been given to her long before by a young man who her mond. The two men declared that he had been had bowed at the shrine of her beauty, and had knocked down to the street and rollind, and that been rejected. That night she was to fly to the they had found and conveyed bin hour, Leabin arms of Roland; and as the hours of evening slowly even hoped that this had been the case, as the least thout to take, and addressed berself to the bird, in ered that he had been drink not a and that air own-The clock struck cleven; and twelve was the 'he was delicious, and reveduated the game he had its robin was sitting upon ber thir band, and scarces feverish and sick ; low tangent parched has part in h

> "Ot low horning I to the he excluded, Wang suffering both means) and leadily anguish. Villams

> The gentle Lesbin, hearing him thus attempt to cover his fault with falsehood, could hear up against her feelings no longer; and she threw her arms round his neck, and burst into tears. Seeing that she knew all, the ungrateful man felt irritated, and all men are irritable when recovering from a fit of drunkenness, and he repulsed her. It was the first act of unkindness and she thought of the dead bird, us an omen that she had left the home of her happiness, for a life of misery. She knelt down by the bed on which lay her husband, and prayed fervently that his mad career, just begon, might be the possession of a wild and dissipated rake, merely through the vanity of reclaiming him. Lesbia had now the first idea of her error.

Roland was heartily ashamed of his conduct, yet, would not suffer her to mention the subject, day he was moody and morose; yet by chance she discovered that he had really lost a thousand dollars and a gold lever watch, worth one hundred and fifty. But so devoted was this beautiful and unhappy woman, that she concealed his error, and acver mentioned it, even to her parents or bosom friends. Through the day, Roland drank occasion ally, as was his custom, and particularly now, as he said, to relieve the awful feelings occasioned by the last night's dehauch. Towards night he began to recover, and sat down with Lesbia to the

"I think I will never gamble again," he said, pressing his high intellectual forchead with his hand, "or drink too much. I never believed that I would thus have been led away."

"I am rejoiced to hear you express yourself so frankly," returned the smiling wife, glad that he had introduced the subject. "But I fully believe there is no safety except in total abstinence. There is no man who intends to be a drunkard when he begins to drink; but so fascinating is its influence and effect, that the votary is led on by imperceptible degrees till he wakes as from a dream, to the horrors of his situation. You have the brightest prospects before you; the prospects of wealth, honor, and a happy old age. You have a wife that loves you with an undivided heart; yet a course of 'you have blasted the hopes and happiness of your I conduct like that of last night, would soon sond her wife, who you know is your true friend, and to whom in courtship you promised undying devoted ness and love. How often did you declare, that I had charms to win you to virtue; and that I had it in my power to make you what I pleased. Ah, Roland, have those poor charges which won your lienet, so soon faded ! Have I so soon ceased to be your better genius, as you once declared me to

> "Oh! Leshin, you are too severe," exclaimed the conscious-stricken Roland, melting into tears; dwog stab me to the heart. Space me, and I promise to drink no more."

'In that promise," returned the sensible and lovely Lesbin, "is contained all others, for drinking is necessary to, and leads to all other vices. Many of the fachionable follow of the day, would go down were it not for the bottle; it is the spaces of the of all other vices; and in the language of the celand left the navy, regretted by all the officers, for obrated Dr. Rush, it is a devil to the should wall to

Leebia arose and emurated for his band, recoging regular drinker of spirits, and had often remonstra- that he had pledged himself to total abstraction in she knew that was the only way to hill the Hydra "Do you suppose I am such a slave to it, as to said to cleanse the Asymptotical," Her good scare mine, I sm happy ; if not, life will no longer be a suffer it ever to gain the mastery ! No. I am a tangent her that to denk it wrately was to fin the man of too much resolution; and I would suffer roads, and keep the flavor abue, and that I may andeath, sooner than it should triumph over me. My stimence was the only made of death ing the dethe floor, and when he ceased, plainly told from that father drank for forty years, and was never drank " size and ber heart and hand were his. In the meantime In a short time Roland was established in a the practice of th was a good stand; and with the influence of his as ever. If a manufacture of the land of t

TIME.

The mere we live, more brief appear A day to childhood seems a year And years like putting ages,

PROFANITY-ITS ORIGIN AND EVILS. It is a point too obvious to require proof, that profamily has its origin in unwarthy and degraded

the man who entertains them, from a most impormoral improvement.

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Every hody understands that presents which go little exercise to the intellectual powers, total to there was any such operation; for a throng having circumscribe and crippies those powers. To attain probabilished around the man as I stopped, made it neto the stature of perfect men, the faculties of the mind, has those of the body, must be developed and operators comed a more charlaters and the only peexpanded and matured by exercise-patient, continued, habitual exercise. Thus it is that the invertigation of trule in the various departments of roll of European newspapers, abstract accence, in physics, law, politics, and mosale, being forward to our admirring view, such men women was had been to the or the former street to as Noviton, Lense, Butler, Edwards, Manafield, pray for rain, among them was a not; and as I pass-Barke, Marsiall and Covier. The course of disersline. for more than we are accostomed to convider, makes such men what they are. Each step anward and answard, sharpens the mental vision and her head on the stones of the street. Nuns here expands is harizon and imparts new atrength and | do not besitate to go abroad; and on such occavigor for that which is to follow. In obedience to gions they are usually dressed precisely like the this law, the youthful arrists compases sea and priests of Budhagami have their heads shaved in the land to study the productions of the master of his art, that he may catch something of the same inspiration, and imbue his mind with something of the same spirit. In obedience to the same law, and for a kindred object, the post and man of taste, traverse the fair fields of earth, and climb the moon tain's top, and watch the forked lightnings, and the forming billows of the great deep, and hold converse with the spirits of the mighty dead. The image of all that is beautiful and all that is grand in the conceptions of man, or in the works of God, they seek to enstamp on their own minds by famil iar contemplation. Our moral nature also is sucject to the same law. So delicate indeed is its texture, and so easily is it impaired, that we can hardly come in contact with what is morally impure, without being injuriously affected. Accoutomed by scenes of vulgarity, or impurity, or profaneness, the moral feelings lose their sensibility, and by degrees cease to be excited in view of vice. The contemplation of moral virtue on the other hand quickens the moral sensibilities, adds to the conscience new power of discrimination, and enlarges the heart. Every perent in his deep and ceaseless solicitude in regard to the associations of his children, feels and admits the universality and energy of this law. Most beautifully has the inspired writer illustrated it when he says "we sliwith open face, beholding as in a glass, the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image, from glory to glory, as by the spirit of the Lord;" with admirable wisdom has be also said-"whatwhatsower things are pure, whatsower things are lovely whatsower things are of good report, think of these

What subject then, it may well be asked, can be presented to our contemplation so vact as the infinite mind? What work so grand as his, so curiously contrived, so exquisitely finished !-What law so comprehensive, so just, so perfect as his law? What wisdom so profound, so exhaustless as his? What moral purity so spotless?--By degrading in our own conceptions, the character and government of God, as the profane person necessarily does, we shot ourselves out from a tellectual and moral improvement.

Habits of profageness also must neessarily tend ed to be of bad general character as to truth senot only a little awollen. to be believed, unless corroburated by other wit- A. every's mentested by the classics, and require nessees. A man converted of mutder, or robbery, or ed by the law of China, as a fit exercise for the theft, or forgers or other infamous offence, is pre- soldiers of the celestial emptre. This afternoon, samed to be so niterly devoid of moral principle we king scross the 'sandy ground' near the river that he is not permured to testify at all. Nor is and just beyond the western suburbs of the city, I the man who denies the existence of a God and a met a small party cogaged in this exercise. They state of remination after death. Ting law pressures were Tarters, a corporal and four privates, who had that the mar who has admitted such as offence a been end out on a drill. The target was placed gainst his Creator or his fellow man, has so far a fact eight roots distant from them. They had each and current Is she not by universal consent tout were placed injection with the body erect, the mark It is not not not resting to follow out this primarple arrang he primed in the right foot throwing the left

a pointy to, resisted to a greater or less extent by sucage grin, and fet fly the arrow. conservating labits or mouses, such as the force Cornheling Liberties -I have often heard of of education, pride of character, respect for public opinion or sympathy. Yet this by no means disproves the existence of the tendency. Is simply allows that it is not irresistable.

company with several other gentlemen, would, by ment of builts in two larges, empended from a barnexpress order of the Bishop, be admitted to exambon laid across his absolder, and with a little raitle. ine the building, with the Plan, or Map, given by in his hand to advertise his friends of his appears Maria Monk, in his hand. The book would then be seets off on his circuit, going from street to street ber if she persisted to her determination, but she building. Lesbia was sitting by the cradie of her Some person unknown has sent \$15,000 to the submitted to the experimentum owner, the test so and from door to door. In this way he passes his disregarded equally their entreaties and their threats infant, wondering what business could have delay. Board of Missians of the Protestant Episcopal often challenged, and on which she states her class. actes. - Boston Daily Times.

From the Chanes Repository. WALKS ABOUT CANTON.

Comping .- Whilst out this evening I noticed a conceptions of the character and povernment of case of this, in which a lambon was need instead of Such views, it is scereely obvious, shut out the copping glass. The operator had the manbent down in a trianglar form, with his hands on his tant and efficient means of me own succeeding and times, while he howelf was applying the batched to his look. One application had already been made; very lattle blood, however, seemed to have lates itself to the objects of its own contemplations. Some drawn ; but I could not perceive in what way the scarifferion was preformed, or whether indeed cossery for me to push on and leave them. The cularities which I miticed about him, were his broad hat, the brim full six feet in circumference, and a

> New - While returning I saw a great many old owen was ind been to she or the funda after to ed by the altar, which stood by the waveide, I saw another on her knows before an idol to whom she was preferring the kow tow,-literally knocking

Fortune Tellers, and such like, find old China street a spacious and convenient resort. Passing through the street to day about two o'clock, P. M. I counted twelve of these fortune-tellers,ten medical establishments and five money changers. Two of the first were priests, one a Budhist, and the other of the Taon sect. They were all poor, fifthy and beganity in their appearance; and each had gathered around him a circle of idlers of the same

The Dress of the Chinese during the month has presented a medium between the wrater and the summer months. Hats and Caps. (1 speak of the common people,) have been Isid aside; the number of sekets reduced to two or three; and the tight travers exchanged for loose ones. The gentry and official laye reduced their dresses in a similar manner; while the powest of the common people appear not only bareheaded but with hare backs, having but a single garment reached from the loins

Rots .-- 'Non est disputandum degostibus', surely, thought I, when I saw an old man approaching me in the street, carrying on his shoulder a long pole or hamboo, loaded with rats. My attention was attracted to him by the winkling of little bells which he carried in his ham! fastened to the end of a short stick. There were about a dozen and a half of rate; and they were snapeaded from the pule, which lay across the man's shoulder, precisely in the manner described in some of the old Euopeans books about China. On inquiry, I secertained that the rats were not for sale; this indeed I expected when the man passed me, for the animals seemed to be nothing more than rats' sking stuffed ; and such I understand is the fact. The man was be profession, if I was correctly informed, a rates cher; and those which he carried on his shoolder were designed to point out his occupation. He and his frate nity have various methods of destroying rats, but the most effectual is by poi-

An Outcast .- Part of the subuchs of Canton most important and effectual means of our own in- which border on the open country are inhabited by rich and opulent people. The houses are spacious and the streets unfrequented by travellers. A little to weaken the apprehension of moral obligation before senset this evening, I passed through one of generally. The virtues, it has been said are in those streets into the fields beyond the suburbs .their nature gregarious; they grow up and flourish After a short excursion among the gardens, fishdearest friends; and like the serpent you have stung to the grave with a broken heart. And your child, languish and die together. It could not be expect- entering another of the private streets saw a poor ed that the man who profinely trifles with the child which had been cast out among the rubbish cuaracter and attributes of his Maker, would in from the houses of the rich men. The child was other respects preform the duties of picty towards in a basket, and appeared to be about a year old. him; and where the clause of piety are disregard. The way which I had to pass in order to reach the ed, in carnot be expected that the obligations of entrance of the street was very narrow; and the benevolence towards men will be very distinctly backet was so placed that I was oblidged to step recognized. Is this expecuation, in itself so pro- over it. Several individuals (natives) had passed bable, verified by facts ! Are not profune men along just before me, and seemed not to notice the generally worshippets of the god of this world, and child at all; nor did I, till I was actually raising Subbath breakers? And do we not too frequently my foot over the bashet. The sight shacked me find profuneness associated with falsehood, and fraud and gove me a sensation which I shall never forget. and drankenness, and debauckery, and perjury I good a moment at the pitiful object, and the and indeed with every crime! All history proves Chinese gazed at me. They seemed as much that there is an affinity among the vices. One be- amuzed at the fan kwei, as he was at the dead ing admitted to a house in the bosom, is naturally child. The basket was quite small, and the child inclined to open the door to all the rest, Legal was doubled up and crowded into it, so that its investigation go on this trinciple. A witness prove head bong out over one side ; the face was fair and

> xunguished all miral principle in his lown soul, a how, stoing and nextly made; and their arrows hat he is proposed for the domining sin of perjury. | were pointed with iron and feathered. | The corpo-And what thenk you-would that there where no ral was an adopt; every time he drew the bow, an o comments and the question - what think you of grow hit the mark. The how and arrow were the women who can pointe her lips with daths grasped at the same lestent ala Tirtaes; the heels all that is pure and larely and of good report !- being off on the left, the archer drew the bowa to application to politics and public morality; a little out, beating the body forward, welling the as would be aside of my present purpose. It besut, and extending the arm at full length, with a compared that this tendency may be said the hands elevated to the feed of his eyes, gave a

ventualing libraries;" but before I reached this country I never and them carried through the streets so as to seconomidate every man at his own circulating bharies here are stationary, and every · Examination of a Montreal Monney. A letter customer must go us send to the depository for the from Montreal, deted the 14th inst. status that the books he wishes to obtain. Often however, he is next day Mr Curry (a Presbyterian elergy sand) is saved this roughle. The librarian, with an assenthooks, asselly fift a very short time and for a very